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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF
CONTROL OF HARGRAY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. AND ITS
SUBSIDIARIES TO HARGRAY ACQUISITION CO.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 07-84

Comments Due: May 18, 2007
Reply Comments Due: May 25, 2007

The following application was filed pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules requesting authority to transfer control of Hargray Communications Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Hargray") to Hargray Acquisition Co. ("HAC," together with Hargray, "Applicants").¹ Hargray, a South Carolina corporation, provides, through its subsidiaries, local exchange and interexchange services in South Carolina and Georgia. It has the following wholly-owned, U.S.-based subsidiaries: Hargray, Inc. provides competitive local exchange services throughout South Carolina; Hargray of Georgia, Inc. provides competitive local exchange services in northeastern Georgia; Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. is an incumbent local exchange carrier ("LEC") serving customers in Hilton Head, Hardeeville, and Jasper, South Carolina; Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc., is an incumbent LEC serving Bluffton, South Carolina; and Low Country Carriers, Inc. provides interexchange services throughout South Carolina and Georgia. HAC, a Delaware corporation, was organized for the purpose of acquiring Hargray and does not provide telecommunications services. HAC will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hargray Holdings, LLC, a Delaware entity that is controlled by U.S.-based Quadrangle Capital Partners II, LP and its parallel funds. HAC has the following affiliates that Applicants state provide competitive telephone exchange and exchange access services exclusively in geographic areas outside of the incumbent LEC areas served by Hargray and its subsidiaries: NTELOS Holdings Corp. and DataNet Communications Group, Inc.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic 214 application on May 3, 2007.

The Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules² and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Application for the Transfer of Control of Hargray Communications Group, Inc. and its Subsidiaries to Hargray Acquisition Co., WC Docket No. 07-84 (filed Apr. 10, 2007)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file **comments on or before May 18, 2007** and **reply comments on or before May 25, 2007**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Applicants are permitted to transfer the assets a related control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.³ Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- **For ECFS filers,** if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
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² 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(ii).

³ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Federal Communications Commission's Web Site: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- People with Disabilities: Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by e-mail: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

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- (3) Jodie May, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C234, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: jodie.may@fcc.gov;
- (4) Susan O'Connell, Policy Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 7-B544, Washington, D.C. 20554; email: susan.o'connell@fcc.gov; and
- (5) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-C824, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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